(b) what was the allocation made for the year 1988-89, programme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) The approved allocation for the forestry sector in the Seventh Five Year Plan for Assam is Rs. 70 crores.

(b) The allocation for 1988-89 is Rs. 18·80 crores. Programme-wise allocation for some major schemes is given below :

(Rs. crores)

(i) Forest conservation and development	2.02
(ii) Production forestry	2.52
(iii) Social forestry (including rural fuelwood plantation)	9.15
(iv) Wildlife preservation	1.58
(v) Hill Area Development	0.48
(vi) Other programmes (include Forestry research, Education, Training, Communication and building, Forest produce, survey etc.)	3.05
Total	18.80

Appointments made by the Staff Selection Commission

3077. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total appointments made by the Staff Selection Commission during the last three years ; and

(b) what is the percentage of Muslims and other minorities in these appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) During the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88, the Staff Selection Commission recommended a total number of 38,254 candidates for appointment to Group 'C' non-technical posts in various Government of India offices. The appointments are made by respective appointing authorities.

(b) Data relating to recruitment religion-wise is not maintained by the Government.

Plight of War Widows

3078. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Statement of the President of the War Widows Guild published in the 'Hindustan Times,' dated the 29th January, 1989 about the plight of the country's War Widows ;

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter and whether Government propose to set up a Welfare Board for the War widows; and